GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF SILVER IN AYURVEDIC FORMULATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the use of silver in manufacturing of Ayurvedic formulations is harmful for kedney;

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to put a ban on it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) Medicines which are prepared in accordance with the formulae prescribed in the authoritative books of Ayurveda are permitted for manufacture under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. Use of silver and other metals are permissible ingredients of certain Ayurvedic formulations.

According to the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha, no toxicity has been found in Ayurvedic formulations containing silver when they are properly processed according to the prescribed method.
However, the standardization of Ayurvedic formulations containing metals has been taken up for inclusion in the Pharmacopoeia of Ayurvedic medicine. The drug testing laboratories are also in the process of being strengthened to be able to test the formulations being sold in the market.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.